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SUBJECT: WOMAN TO SERVE ON COSTA RICAN SUPREME COURT

1. IT APPEARS THAT COSTA RICA WILL SOON HAVE A FEMALE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT. ANABELLA CASTRO, CHIEF OF THE PATENTS AND COPYRIGHTS OFFICE IN THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, IN THE COURSE OF A LONG CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY ECONOMIC OFFICERS ABOUT PATENT LEGISLATION, CONFIDED THAT SHE HAS BEEN ASKED WHETHER SHE WOULD BE WILLING TO BE APPOINTED AS A JUSTICE OF THE COSTA RICAN SUPREME COURT. SHE HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT AND EXPECTS TO BE APPOINTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. MISS CASTRO SAID THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW

WHETHER HER APPOINTMENT HAS ANY CONNECTION WITH THE FACT THAT THIS IS THE "UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR."

2. MISS CASTRO IS A VIVACIOUS, INTELLIGENT AND HIGH COMPETENT OFFICIAL WHOSE LIFE-LONG INTEREST IN INVENTIONS LED HER NATURALLY INTO WORK ON PATENTS AND COPYRIGHTS. SHE SAID THAT SHE WILL VERY MUCH REGRET LEAVING A FIELD THAT STILL HOLDS SO MUCH INTEREST FOR

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HER, BUT IS LOOKING FORWARD TO HER IMPORTANT NEW

ASSIGNMENT. SHE HOPES, HOWEVER, TO BE ABLE TO AVOID  
THE STAID AND ALOOF STATUS OF THE TRADITIONAL JUDGE.  
SHE AGREED THAT SHE MIGHT BE A "NEW STYLE" JUDGE.

3. HER EXPERTISE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED HERE ON  
PATENT AND COPYRIGHT MATTERS, BUT IN VIEW OF THE POSSI-  
BILITY THAT SOME ASPECTS OF PENDING PATENT LEGISLATION  
MIGHT BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL, IT COULD ALSO PROVE USEFUL  
TO HAVE A PERSON OF HER KNOWLEDGE ON THE SUPREME COURT.

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